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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 10, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 18 and 23 as follows:

18. (amended) A process for producing a semiconductor device, which comprises the steps of: